



# Soberanes Fire Incident Update



Date: 07/27/2016 Time: 7:00 a.m.

Fire Information Lines: 2-1-1 or 831-204-0446

Media Line: 831-647-6257

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## STATUS

<b>Incident Start Date:</b> 07-22-2016		<b>Incident Start Time:</b> 8:48 a.m.	
<b>Incident Type:</b> Wildland		<b>Cause:</b> Under Investigation	
<b>Incident Location:</b> Soberanes Creek, Garrapata State Park, Palo Colorado, north of Big Sur			
<b>Acreage:</b> 23,568 (20,950 CAL FIRE, 2,618 USFS)		<b>Containment:</b> 10%	
<b>Expected Containment:</b> 08/31/2016		<b>Injuries:</b> 0	
<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 2000	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 20 Homes 2 Outbuildings		<b>Structures Damaged:</b> 0

## RESOURCES

<b>Engines:</b> 306	<b>Water Tenders:</b> 19	<b>Helicopters:</b> 14	<b>Air Tankers:</b> 6	<b>Hand Crews:</b> 67
<b>Dozers:</b> 60	<b>Other:</b> 4	<b>Total Personnel:</b> 3079		

Cooperating Agencies: US Forest Service Los Padres National Forest, California State Parks and Recreation, California Highway Patrol, Monterey County Sheriff, Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District, Red Cross and CAL-OES

## SITUATION

<b>Current Situation:</b>	<p>CAL FIRE and the United States Forest Service remain in unified command.</p> <p>Fire activity has increased throughout the entire fire area with uphill runs in brush and timber. Short to medium range spotting has been observed due to lower humidity and higher temperatures. Access continues to be challenging. Firefighters continue to fight the fire aggressively with air and ground resources. Fire ground weather concerns include building strong high pressure, meaning little or no marine influence over the fire area, paired higher temperatures and lower humidity values.</p> <p>A call-when-needed dozer operator suffered fatal injuries during night time operations.</p> <p>A damage inspection team is working in collaboration with Monterey County Office of Emergency Services on assessment of damaged structures and infrastructure. The DINS Team is facing downed power lines, falling trees and active areas of fire, which are hampering the inspection process.</p> <p>A forest closure order has been implemented to close the trails and roads within the Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District pursuant to USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a). The order prohibits going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Soberanes Fire area</p> <p>All California State Parks from Point Lobos State Natural Reserve through Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park are closed until further notice; which includes Andrew Molera State Park, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park Campground and Day Use and Point Sur Historic Lighthouse.</p> <p>A private hired equipment bull dozer rolled over with minor damage and no injuries to the operator. A group of hikers who found themselves near the fire area were safely extracted from the area due to collaborative efforts between the Monterey County Sheriff's Search and Rescue and fire operations personnel with no injuries. 300 residents have been evacuated along with several road closures listed in the Evacuations section below.</p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.fire.ca.gov">www.fire.ca.gov</a> , <a href="http://www.readyforwildfire.org">www.readyforwildfire.org</a> and CAL FIRE BEU on Facebook.</p>
<b>Evacuations:</b>	<p><b>Evacuation Order:</b> The community of Palo Colorado, Old Coast Road, Rocky Creek road, Bixby Creek Road from Hwy 1 south to Mesa road, Corona Road, east of Highway 1, Riley Ranch Road, east of Highway 1 and Rancho San Carlos Road, from Canter Run to Garza Trail</p> <p><b>Evacuation Warning:</b> Southern portions of Carmel Highlands, White Rock and Old Coast Road (south from Bixby Creek to Little Sur River)</p>
<b>Evacuation Centers:</b>	<p>Carmel Middle School 4380 Carmel Valley Road Carmel-By-The-Sea, Ca. 93923</p>
<b>Road Closures:</b>	<p>Palo Colorado Road at Hwy 1, Robinson Canyon Road (south of Penon Peak Trail) and Weston Ridge RD at Hwy 1</p>



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